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Final year University exams to be held by Sept. 30: SC

Apex Court upholds UGC's July 6 circular; No promotions without exams

New Delhi, Aug. 28 (UNI & Agencies)- The Supreme Court has upheld the University Grants Commission's (UGC) July 6 circular directing Universities to conduct final year exams by Sept. 30. The UGC circular had mandated Universities to conduct the final term exams in all affiliated Universities by the end of September amid the Coronavirus contagion.

The Apex Court said this morning that States must hold exams by Sept. 30 to promote students, and if any States feel they can't conduct exams, they must approach the UGC with their concerns.

Last week, the State Governments of Maharashtra, Delhi, West Bengal and Odisha had urged the Top Court to direct the UGC to defer the final year examinations as the lives of lakhs of students could be jeopardised due to the pandemic.

A Bench of Justices Ashok Bhushan, R. Subhash Reddy and M.R. Shah declared that no State Government can promote students without the final examinations. The Court said, the State Disaster Management Authority, however, can decide to postpone the examinations due to COVID-19 pandemic or other reasons after taking consent from the UGC. The Authority's decision to pass students on the basis of previous years' marks by the candidates would be beyond the scope of the law, the Court ruled.

The SC also maintained that States and Universities will have to hold exams to promote students and confer degrees, and that internal assessments will not suffice the requirements of the UGC. The Court said that there was no infirmity in the July 6 circular.

The Court's judgement came on a batch of petitions filed by K. Praneeth, a Bengaluru resident and others, who questioned the validity of the UGC's directions. One of the 31 petitioners, who has tested positive for COVID-19, had sought for directions to the UGC to adopt the CBSE model and conduct an examination at a later date for the students who are not satisfied with the marks awarded on the basis of the assessment.

The students, in their petition, said the exams should be cancelled and results of such students should either be calculated on the basis of their internal assessment or past performance.

NEET and JEE

Meanwhile, the Union Education Ministry stands by its decision to conduct JEE and NEET exams. Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has reiterated that the Government will hold the tests and said the decisions have been taken holistically keeping the careers of students in mind. The Ministry says a zero-year is not in the interest of students.

The National Testing Agency (NTA) is preparing to hold the two examinations in a few days from now. Over 25 lakh students are to take the tests — the medical entrance exam NEET and the engineering entrance exam JEE (mains). NTA officials are in touch with officials from other States as well.

The number of students who downloaded the admit cards is rising. Over 1.06 million students have downloaded the admit cards for the NEET exam so far. Around 1.6 million students are expected to take the test on Sept. 13. For JEE, over 0.75 million of the 0.858 million registered students have downloaded the admit cards. The Education Ministry considers this as the willingness of most students to take the exam.

H.V. Rajeev is new MUDA Chairman

Promises sites for genuine applicants

Mysuru, Aug.28 (RK&SSV)- Senior BJP leader and noted co-operator H.V. Rajeev has been appointed as the Chairman of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA). He will take charge today.

In a Government Notification dated 28.8.2020, C.S. Shivakumaraswamy, Under-Secretary, Department of Urban Development, has said that Rajeev's appointment will be for a period of three years or till further orders.

Speaking to *SOM,* the elated Rajeev said he being a realtor, has good experience in urban development. "I have a good knowledge of urban development, thanks to my rich experience in co-operative field. My aim is to identify shelterless people and create a new layout for them. Genuine citizens will be given sites in new layouts. I will strive for a systematic development of the city," he said. "I am indebted to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and other party leaders for recognising me and giving me a big responsibility," he added.

H.V. Rajeev

Profile: An active member of BJP and RSS, H.V. Rajeev has worked tirelessly in Krishnaraja Constituency since 1994. He was appointed as General Secretary of City BJP in 2016. Rajeev also runs an educational institution under Pramati Educational and Cultural Trust in Mysuru.

In Oct. 2014, Rajeev set up 'Rajeev Sneha Balaga' and supported Narendra Modi's Swachh Bharat campaign. Hundreds of programmes were organised in different parts of the city and he had the honour of being invited for a TV Show with Bollywood Superstar Amitabh Bachchan to share his experience in Swachh Bharath Abhiyan.

A close associate of Yediyurappa and present District Minister S.T. Somashekar, Rajeev has received several awards including 'Sahakari Seva Ratna' and 'Swachatha Premi.'

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	895
Total positive cases	:	15,775
Discharges yesterday	:	449
Total discharges	:	11,105
Deaths yesterday	:	18
Total deaths	:	399
Total active cases	:	4,271

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 28th August 2020

Scrapped bus now Ladies Toilet

Bengaluru, Aug.28 (SSV)- A condemned bus, which otherwise would have been scrapped, has been given a new shape much to the surprise of everyone. On an experimental basis, KSRTC in association with Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) has converted a scrapped bus into a ladies toilet under the Corporate Social Responsibility scheme. This remodelled bus has now become a cynosure of all eyes thanks to various facilities available.

Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi, who is also the Transport Minister, inaugurated this bus here on Thursday and was surprised to know about its utilities. He said this would match with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's *Swachh Bharat* campaign and gave instruction for conversion of condemned buses into women's toilet by all depots across the State. Latest technology was adopted to keep this toilet neat, clean and hygiene. Conversion of condemned buses into utilities would go a long way in saving money which otherwise would have been spent on all these facilities separately. He said this bus would be stationed at Majestic Bus Terminal.

KSRTC Managing Director Dr. Shivayogi Kalasad and other senior officers were present.

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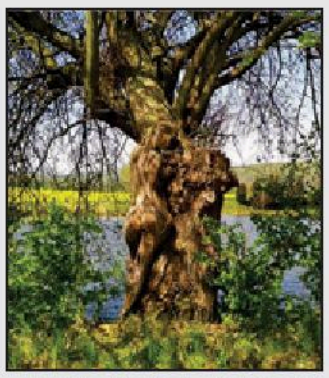
- Diaper changing and incinerator
- Napkin Vending Machine
- 3 Indian Toilets
- 3 Western Toilets
- Wash Basins
- Rooftop solar
- Sensor Lights
- Solar Lights

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

[Courtesy: The Times of India]

NEWS SPARKLERS

Body-painting artist blends models in various landscapes



Berlin: German body-painting artist Jörg Düsterwald is a master of camouflage, taking nude female models and using body paint to conceal them in various environments.

Looking at one of Jörg Düsterwald's signature camouflage pieces is like trying to solve a Where's Wally's puzzle, with some of the models blending so well into the background that you actually have to struggle to spot them. Düsterwald has been producing body art projects for the last 25 years, showcasing his body-painting skills in creative projects, including advertising and TV marketing campaigns, but it was his camouflage series that really made him internationally famous.

Bank builds branch in the middle of nowhere

Chihuahua: A functional Banco del Bienestar branch seemingly located in the middle of nowhere has been getting a lot of attention on Mexican social media after the photos and videos of it went viral.

Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador was one of the very first people to get blamed for wasting government money on useless buildings after the photos and videos of a Banco del Bienestar branch located a long way from any human settlement, somewhere in the Mexican State of Chihuahua.

The building was used to mock Obrador's "Fourth Transformation" of Mexico initiative, but a representative of the bank was quick to explain that although bizarre, the location of the branch actually makes sense.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Does saturated fat really cause heart disease?

Several decades of studies have shown that saturated fat may be completely harmless. A massive 2010 study reviewed data from 21 studies involving 3,47,747 individuals. Researchers found no association between the consumption of saturated fat and heart disease.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

ARIIA-2020: 2nd rank for PES College of Engineering, Mandya

Mandya, Aug. 28- PES College of Engineering (PESCE), Mandya, has secured 2nd rank in the list of ARIIA-2020 all India rankings of Government and Government Aided Institutions category. About 674 institutions participated in ARIIA-2020 rankings out of about 10,000 engineering institutions.

PET (Mandya) Chairman Vijaya Anand, Principal Dr. H.V. Ravindra, Dr. K. Narasimhachary, Dr. B.S. Shivakumara, Dr. B. Dinesh Prabhu, Dr. S. Vinay, Dr. N.L. Muralikrishna, Dr. H.M. Sanjay and Dr. Pavan Kumar were present during a press meet held in this regard.

Since 2018, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, has initiated 'Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA)' to systematically rank education institutions and Universities primarily on innovation related indicators. ARIIA considers all major indicators which are commonly used globally to rank most innovative education institutions and Universities.

ARIIA ranking is now getting a wide acceptance among Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in India and it will certainly inspire Indian institutions to reorient their mindset and build ecosystems to encourage high quality research, innovation and entrepreneurship. Moreover, ARIIA aims at setting direction for institutions for future development for making them globally competitive.

ARIIA primarily focuses on 6 main parameters for ranking the Institutions: • Programmes and Activities on IPR, Innovation, Start-up and Entrepreneurship; • Pre-Incubation & Incubation Infrastructure & Facilities to Support I&E; • Annual Budget Spent on Promoting and Supporting I&E Activities; • Courses on Innovation, IPR and Entrepreneurship Development.

Really...?

- *The first known use of the word cartoon for an animation was 100 years ago in October 1916.*
- *The very first animated film was probably the now-lost El Apóstol, made in Argentina in 1917.*
- *In 1937, Disney's Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs was the first major full-length cartoon film.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A man walks into a shop and sees a cute little dog. He asks the shopkeeper, "Does your dog bite?" The shopkeeper says, "No, my dog does not bite." The man tries to pet the dog and the dog bites him. "Ouch," he says, "I thought you said your dog does not bite!" The shopkeeper replies, "That is not my dog!"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.67
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 97.74
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.06
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.45

VOICE OF THE READER

An appeal to South Kodagu MLA

Sir,

In these days of COVID-19, the Government Hospitals, specially in taluks, must have basic facilities like x-ray and oxygen.

But sadly they are not available for reasons (genuine or false) of repairs, non-supply or doctors on leave.

In such a situation, what should a poor labourer, with all the Government given cards like Aadhaar etc., do?

It is here our people's representatives (MP and MLA) must act at least by ensuring that the poor labourer is given treatment when he/she goes to a Government Hospital and not sent back.

—K.B. Ganapathy
Mathoor village
Ponnampet, South Kodagu
27.8.2020

Mysuru Kodava Samaja puts off annual Kailpoldh get-together

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (KS)- The management of Kodava Samaja, Mysuru, has decided not to hold the annual get-together function of Kailpoldh Festival-2020 in view of COVID-19 pandemic and has decided to convene the Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of 2019-20 on Dec. 20, 2020, according to a press release from the Kodava Samaja Hon. Secretary M.M. Ponnappa.

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Uncovered 6 ft. deep water valve chamber barricaded after mishap

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (MK&KS)- Siddarthanagar Traffic Police have placed barricades around the 6 ft. deep water valve chamber on the roadside near BSNL Office on Dr. Rajkumar Road near Kalyanagirinagar after a scooter fell into it on Aug. 24 night.

Though it is the work of the authorities concerned to ensure the safety of motorists when they take up road works, there were no safety measures such as installing warning sign board or placing barricades around it.

This had resulted in a 59-year-old motorist, identified as Devaraju of Sathagalli, sustaining injuries on his face, hands and legs after the scooter he was riding fell into it.

The rider suffered minor injuries as he fell on the road while the scooter plunged into the chamber. Doing the job of civic authorities, Siddarthanagar Traffic Police, to prevent future mishaps, have placed barricades around the water valve chamber, to warn motorists about the presence of the deep pit.

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M.Sc: Medical Physiology; Medical Anatomy; Medical Pharmacology; Medical Genetics & Genomics; Clinical Psychology; Forensic Odontology
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NEWS BRIEFS

Inauguration of development works

Lions Club of Mysore Kabini has organised a programme to inaugurate development works at Ashokapuram Shantidhama in Vishweshwaranagar tomorrow from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm. Urilinga Peddi Mutt Seer Sri Jnanaprakasha Swamiji graces the occasion and offers prayers to the statue of Gauthama Buddha. Mayor Tasneem will preside. MLA Satish Jarkiholi and MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde will be the chief guests. Lions District 317A District Governor Ln. Dr. G.A. Ramesh, District Co-operative Union President H.V. Rajeev, former District 317A Governor Ln. K. Devegowda, ZP Member Beerihundi Basavanna, Zone-3 President Ln. Dr. P. Srinivasa, Region-4 Chairman Ln. S. Murthy and Lions Club of Mysore Kabini President Ln. S. Mahadev will be the guests.

50% discount on JSS Publications

As part of the 105th birth anniversary of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji, JSS Mahavidyapeetha has offered a 50% discount on sale of 'JSS Granthamaale' books, from Aug. 29 to Sept. 30. The books are available at JSS Book House in JSS Mahavidyapeetha premises, Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill and the book store at Suttur Mutt in Suttur Srikshetra, Nanjangud taluk, according to a press release. For details, contact Mob: 97312-54484.

Zoo Lion adopted

Taksh (Honnasiri Group), Mysuru, has adopted a Lion of Mysuru Zoo for one year by paying an adoption fee of Rs.1,00,000, under 'Animal Adoption' scheme, according to a press release from Zoo Executive Director.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.12 ft
Yesterday	124.37 ft
Inflow	1,573 cusecs
Outflow	5,417 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,283.53 ft
Inflow	1,242 cusecs
Outflow	2,625 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Yesterday	2,857.93 ft
Inflow	1,033 cusecs
Outflow	1,275 cusecs

Celebrity drug racket busted in Bengaluru

Bengaluru/Mysuru, Aug. 28 (UNI&OSR)- Close on the heels of celebrity drug supply racket issue rocking Bollywood following the suicide of actor Sushant Singh Rajput, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), has busted a racket in Bengaluru, that supplied drugs to VIPs as well as Sandalwood celebrities.

The NCB has arrested the racket kingpin and former television actress D. Anikha and two of her associates M. Anoop and R. Ravindran while confiscating large haul of drugs.

NCB Deputy Director K.P.S. Malhotra said that the gang distributed drugs to prominent musicians and top actors in Karnataka and the receivers, including children of VIPs in the State are under scanner of NCB.

The agency has seized 145 ecstasy or MDMA pills and over Rs. 2.2 lakh cash from Royal Suits Hotel Apartment, Kalyan Nagar on Aug. 21. In the follow up action, the team confiscated 96 pills of MDMA and 180 LSD blots at Nikoo Homes in Bengaluru. Later, 270 pills of MDMA were recovered from the house of Anikha, located at Doddagubbi.

MDMA (methylenedioxy-methamphetamine), commonly known as ecstasy, is a party drug that alters mood and its perception is chemically similar to stimulants and hallucinogens. It produces a feeling of increased energy and pleasure. As per officials, each ecstasy pill costs between Rs. 1,500 and Rs. 2,500 in the domestic market. The cost of the drug went up as the party progressed.

Ravindran was the main distributor, after the receivers booked their drugs online. NCB officials found over 2,000 numbers saved in his mobiles, which included at least 10 top Kannada cinema actors, prominent musicians and children of VIPs. Besides, he also used to supply drugs to college students.

Anikha was a small time television serial actress in Bengaluru. She stopped acting and took to narcotic supply. With her glamour industry background, she established contacts with celebrities and started supplying drugs to them.

Sources said they had been running the racket for many years. "Anikha sourced the drugs from abroad via an international courier service," said a Police official, adding that payments were made in bitcoins.

"The lady drug supplier, who had been the main kingpin of the case, was intercepted and 270 pills of MDMA were recovered from her house. "Preliminary investigation has revealed that the accused used to supply drugs to affluent sections of society, including prominent musicians and actors as well as to college students and youngsters," Malhotra said, adding that more persons are likely to be apprehended.

204 kg of marijuana worth Rs. 1 crore seized in Bengaluru; three arrested

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (RK&BCT)- The Central Crime Branch, Bengaluru, has cracked a drug racket and seized 204 kgs of marijuana (ganja) worth Rs. 1 crore that three people were transporting in a truck (KA-51-AB-4233) from a village in East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh.

Acting on a tip-off, a Police team tracked down the shipment and intercepted the truck near Devanahalli on the outskirts of Bengaluru. The accused - Sameer, 37 and Khaiser Pasha, 41, both of whom hail from Mysuru and Ismail Shariff, 38 from Chikkaballapura - had allegedly concealed the marijuana in the truck.

While Khaiser Pasha is a resident of Ghousianagar C Block, 8th Cross, Sameer is a resident of Shanthinagar. Police said that Pasha is the prime accused in the case and he was into ganja business since the last six months. He was in close contact with suppliers and growers of the weed from Mysuru, Hunsur, Periyapatna, Kushalnagar of Kodagu district and Chikkamagalur district.

At a press conference on Thursday, Bengaluru Police Commissioner Kamal Pant said that the accused procured the substance from a village in East Godavari district and through a well-established network would supply to their contacts in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Ramanagara and Chikkamagaluru.

The three arrested allegedly confessed that a majority of their clients were college students and small-time peddlers from several towns across the State. According to the Police, the accused also had contacts in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. The CCB is further investigating the case to ascertain possible links of others in the racket.

Khaiser Pasha had contested the previous Mysuru City Corporation elections from Ward 33 (Shanthinagar) on a JD(S) ticket and had lost the polls.

Auto driver stabbed by rowdy-sheeter succumbs to injuries

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (MK&KS)- An auto driver, who was allegedly stabbed by a rowdy-sheeter over petty reasons has succumbed to injuries at a hospital in city.

The deceased is Somashekar (30), a resident of B.M. Sri Nagar here

According to the Police, Somashekar, along with his friends were consuming liquor at his friend Kiran's farm on Aug. 24 night, when a rowdy-sheeter, identified as Sathya switched on the mobile phone torch and directed the light on Somashekar's face.

Irked over this, Somashekar snatched the mobile phone which angered Sathya and others, who allegedly stabbed Somashekar on his stomach and fled from the spot.

Somashekar, who was seriously injured was admitted to a private hospital in city where he succumbed to injuries yesterday. Metagalli Police, who have registered a case, have launched a hunt to nab the accused.

Woman injured as truck rams into scooter

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (RK&KS)- A woman sustained injuries, while her husband and daughter escaped miraculously, when a truck rammed into the scooter at Bogadi Signal Lights yesterday evening.

The injured woman has been identified as Rashmi, a resident of Doddegowdanakoppal in the taluk. She has been admitted to a private hospital at Hootagalli here.

Rashmi, along with her husband Pradeep and six-year-old daughter were proceeding on their Honda Activa scooter (KA-55-A-5750), when a truck (KA-09-C-3804) rammed into the scooter from behind at about 4.45 pm yesterday at Bogadi Signal Lights Circle, resulting in Rashmi sustaining injuries.

Krishnaraja (KR) Traffic Inspector Vinay and staff, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, seized the truck and have taken truck driver Raveesh into custody, besides registering a case..

Obituary

Radhamma

Mysuru, Aug. 28- Radhamma (85), wife of late Venkatasubbaiah passed away at her son's residence at K.C. Layout in the wee hours of today.

She leaves behind seven children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Jyothi K. Pai

Jyothi K. Pai (73), wife of late K. Kamalaksha Pai and a resident of Chamarajapuram passed away this morning following cardiac arrest.

She leaves behind son Dr. K. Sanjaya Pai, daughters Dr. Sangeetha R. Gore and Sanjana N. Prabhu and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Kamalamma

Kamalamma (64), mother of Chamundeshwari Constituency BJP Mandal President B.M. Raghu passed away yesterday in city. She leaves behind four children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds yesterday.

Mysuru Literature Festival-2020

Virtual session tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 28- The fourth edition of Mysuru Literature Festival-2020 organised by Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 being held virtually on every weekend from Aug. 14, will conclude on Sept. 5. This edition has a wide range of authors and speakers as Panellists. Today, *SOM* features tomorrow's Panellist Nandita Das and Moderator Kavitha Lankesh.

DATE: **AUGUST 29** *TIME:* **6.30 PM**

PANEL: **FEISTY AND FEARLESS**

Nandita Das (Panellist)

Nandita Das is an actor, director and an activist all rolled into one. She is well-known for her award-winning performances on the screen, as for her campaigns for social justice, gender equality and human rights. She blazed into Bollywood in 1996 with Deepa Mehta's film 'Fire' with the legendary Shabana Azmi as a co-actor. Along with path-breaking films like 'Earth,' Fire' and 'Bawander,' she had a brief stint in mainstream in 'Aks' with Amitabh Bachchan. Apart from acting, Nandita is also a big name in the field of direction and writes her own scripts. Both 'Firaaq' and the more recent 'Manto' have done excellently abroad. A committed activist, Nandita Das was a part of street theatre in Delhi, an outspoken critic of colourism much before the recent hoopla surrounding fairness creams. A subject which is so relevant in our country where colour bias is widely prevalent. Born to artistically inclined parents, Nandita stands apart with her immense talent and her voice of support to several burning issues that plague us today.

Kavitha Lankesh (Moderator)

Kavitha Lankesh, popular director and producer, hails from a prominent family of journalists and media publishers. Her father P. Lankesh founded the highly successful weekly tabloid 'Lankesh Patrike.' Kavitha holds Master's in English Literature and a diploma in Advertising. She started her career as a corporate and documentary film-maker and went on to make feature films. Her directorial films are 'Deveeri,' 'Tananam Tananam,' 'Crazy Loka' and 'Preethi Prema Pranaya.' Some of her films have won several international, national and State awards. Her commercial hits have run over 100 days in theatres. Kavitha has written, scripted and directed fifty-plus corporate films and documentaries and nine full length feature films.

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Pension scheme extended

to Medical teaching, non-teaching staff

Bengaluru, Aug. 28 (KMS& SSV)- The Government of Karnataka has shown the green signal to bring teaching and non-teaching staff who work in Department of Medical Education under the ambit of National Pension Scheme (NPS), said Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar.

With this, the Government has fulfilled one of the long pending demands of teaching and non-teaching staff. NPS is applicable to those working on permanent basis in Government Medical, Dental Colleges and its attached teaching hospitals and super-speciality hospitals.

Talking to reporters here, he said a delegation of office-bearers of teaching and non-teaching staff had met him soon after assuming the office, and requested him to cover them under NPS. The matter was brought to the notice of Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa who in turn had forwarded it to Finance Department to examine this proposal. Now, Finance Department had given its approval for the pension scheme. "Our Government took interest in this proposal despite current financial crisis due to COVID-19," he said adding that this would benefit as many as 5,949 teaching and non-teaching staff working in 27 institutes. Out of this, 2,061 were AICTE approved posts and 3,888 non-approved posts. The NPS would be an additional burden on the Government to the extent of Rs. 77.27 crore. Those whose services were regularised after April 1, 2006 would be benefited, Dr. Sudhakar added.

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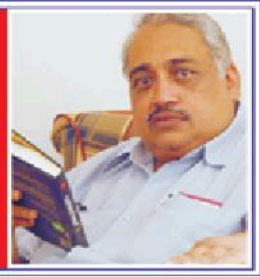
Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD



Bridging the past and the present !

Picking up the thread of my last week's narration about the historic **Lushington Bridge at Shivanasamudra** and my dismay at its botched up restoration in the present era, I would like to take you back by two centuries and give you some refreshingly different and very interesting information from its glorious past.

You may recall that I had said last week that I had written about this bridge once before some years ago. Yes I had and very soon after I wrote about it I received a phone call from **Mrs. Tara Ravikumar**, a seventh generation descendant of **Ramaswami Mudaliar,** an officer under the British Government who nearly two centuries ago had almost rebuilt and restored the bridge across the Cauvery River with the expertise and skills of the local stone masons. She had called up to say that her family still had in its possession the **Sanad** or endowment document that gave Ramaswami Mudaliar a large **Jagir** or permanent endowment of many villages and vast stretches of land as a reward for the good act of public service that he did in his time, now making him a **Jagirdar.** She had added that she also had in her possession a medal of honour given on behalf of the then British Governor General.

Tara Ravikumar displaying the Sanad document. Picture right shows the seal of authority on the document.

1. The inscription on the obverse of the medal. 2. The image of the bridge engraved on the face of the medal. 3. The idols of Ramaswami Mudaliar and his wife at Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple.

Although I had told her that I was most eager to see these two extremely valuable artefacts, I somehow never got around to doing it. Though the two of us would occasionally meet each other at functions like weddings and book releases and she would always remind me about my pending visit to her place, my visit itself had never materialised. **That was until last Thursday when it had to materialise if I had to write about the bridge the next day!** So my wife and I hurriedly dropped in on her to see the two objects which have been preserved remarkably, in mint condition even as they have travelled through six generations!

The Sanad written in a most beautiful and flawless longhand, without a single correction whatsoever is an imposingly large scroll of crisp parchment which I was scared to touch or handle for fear of spoiling its pristine condition, although Tara most graciously asked me to go ahead and take a closer look! But I did not have the courage and decided that I would just quickly click a few photographs of it while she and my wife carefully held it open.

It places on record not only the grant of the absolute rights and the title of the Jagir granted to Ramaswami Mudaliar by the Governor General at Madras but it also extensively lists in great detail the names and locations of the villages and the extents of the lands around them with their survey numbers!

The document is authenticated by an impressive wax seal of authority which although naturally a little cracked by the passage of the two centuries it has silently seen, is still completely intact! **Just to safeguard the two of her most priceless possessions I told Tara to desist from showing them to the many eager people who may naturally approach her for the favour after reading my article about them. I only hope she will be able to do it!**

The golden medal too is no less impressive, being a large and heavy nugget, hand crafted and hand engraved painstakingly, with a synopsis on one side of what the document says in much greater detail. On its other side it has an engraving of the curved bridge itself with the towers of the two temples that still stand with it even to this day.

The curve is crucial here because the **Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society** places on record the fact that Ramaswami while writing to his superiors about the design of the bridge has made a mention of it as a feature he has incorporated in its design to enable it to better resist and withstand the onslaught of floodwaters during the peak of the monsoon. A really marvellous incorporation indeed in a bygone era of an engineering technique that we now find in almost every one of our dams built in the modern era which happen to be invariably curved rather than straight!

The inscription on the medal reads: **"Political Department, Bangalore, 9th, October, 1834. His Excellency the Rt Honourable Govr GENERAL of India in council Being desirous of testifying his sense of the public spirit manifested by Ramasawmy Moodelliar at having at a great Expense restored the ancient Bridges across the Cauvery River at Siva Samoodram has been pleased to resolve that the Individual & his lineal descendants shall be permitted to be eligible to affix to their names the TITLE of "Iunapacara Curtas" signifying One who Confers a Benefit on the public. In COMMEMORATION of which this Medal has been struck and is presented to RAMASAWMY MOODELLIAR by his sincere friend John Sullivan during whose official charge of the province of Coimbatoor these useful works were undertaken."**

Now my friends, that is not all. This was what an appreciative and grateful administration did to recognise and place on record the services of a sincere and hard-working officer for going beyond the call of his duty and doing much good to his people. But I feel that the way in which the humble inhabitants of the Island of Shivanasamudra to whom he provided some much needed connectivity with the rest of the world, went a step further and honoured the man merits a mention here.

They made him a demi-God and placed him alongside their principal presiding deity, whom they all worshipped, day in and day out. That is why if you happen to visit the imposing **Ranganathaswamy Temple** at Shivanasamudra you will still find the images of Ramaswami Mudaliar and his wife, both carved from a single stone, standing there, draped in silken attire. **The villagers adorn them with fragrant flowers and worship them too, even to this day, just like they have been worshipping their God over the centuries, with bowed heads, trembling lips and folded hands! That is the kind of simple and humble gratitude that dwells unchanged over the centuries in our rustic souls!**

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Sangolli Rayanna statue row at Belagavi:
Kannada activists stage protest in Mysuru

Mysuru, Aug.28 (RKB&DM)- Accusing Marathi groups of unleashing violence against Kannadigas at Belagavi over installation of freedom fighter Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna statue at Peeranawadi in Belagavi taluk late last night, several activists of various Kannada and other organisations staged a snap protest in front of Mahatma Gandhi's bust opposite the City Law Courts Complex here this morning.

Strongly condemning the violence, the protestors urged the Government to order a crackdown on Marathi Organisations which have been inciting hatred and violence among the people.

Contending that they would not allow shifting of Rayanna statue from Peeranawadi, they said they would not allow Shivaji statue to come up in the place.

The activists announced that a meeting of all Kannada Associations and other like-minded organisations has been convened at Jaladarshini Guest House at 11 am tomorrow to chalk out further course of action.

Kannada Kala Koota President M. Chandrashekar, Mahadevaswamy, Aravind Sharma and others took part.

Captain Maletira S. Muthappa is ADC to Army Chief

Maletira S. Muthappa

Virajpet, Aug. 28 (BCT)- Captain Maletira S. Muthappa has been appointed as aide-de-camp (ADC) to Chief of Army Staff. Muthappa is at present serving in the Defence Ministry and joined as Commissioned Officer in the Indian Army in 2016.

He hails from Kedamulloor village near Virajpet and is the son of Maletira Rathna Subbaiah and Usha. Muthappa is the fifth Army officer from Kodava community to serve as ADC to the Chief of Army Staff. In 1953 Brigadier Codanda Cariappa, in 1973 Lieutenant General Buttiyanda Bopanna, in 1986 Lieutenant General Pattacheravanda C. Thimmaiah and in 2001, Maj. Muckatira C. Muthanna had occupied the post.

Maj. Muckatira C. Muthanna from 9 PARA (Special Force) served as ADC from 2001 to 2003 and had served two Army Chiefs — Gen. N.C. Vij (for a short time) and Gen. Padmanabhan (for full term). Muthanna is the son of Brigadier (Retd.) M.M. Ashok Cariappa, who was also from 9 PARA (SF) and later went on to command First Bihar Regiment.

What is ADC in Armed Forces?

An aide-de-camp (official position) in the Armed Forces primarily functions as a protocol officer, who looks after implementation of the protocols, and as an executive assistant. An ADC is also responsible for carrying out liaison with the local military authorities and looks after the professional requirements of the Officer/Governor he is attached to.

An ADC should have five to seven years of experience in the Armed Forces. He is selected on the basis of his professional performance and an interview. Besides the Governors of States, aides-de-camp are authorised to senior officers in the Armed Forces and the President of India.

UoM Hostel workers' dharna

Mysuru, Aug.28 (RKB&DM)- Seeking fulfilment of their various demands, University of Mysore (UoM) Hostel workers under the banner of AIUTUC-affiliated Karnataka Rajya Samyukta Vasathinilaya Karmikara Sangha staged a demonstration in front of Crawford Hall here this morning.

Their demands included continuation of service of all outsourced hostel workers who have been serving for years, Cheque payment of wages for two months of lockdown period, direct remittance of EPF contribution to the EPF accounts of all workers, reimbursement of all ESI Hospital Bills and a hike in wages, among others.

AIUTUC State Convenor Chandrashekar Meti, office-bearers Siddaraju, Raju, Harish, Palaksha, Madhuchandra, Satish and others took part in the dharna.

Orchestra artistes seek financial aid

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (RKB&DM)- Orchestra singers, artistes and technicians, under the banner of Gaanagandharva Kalabalaga Trust, staged a demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's Office in city on Wednesday. The protestors demanded financial support from the Government as they are left with no other means of livelihood due to COVID-19 outbreak and the subsequent lockdown.

Maintaining that they are facing a lot of hardships with no income for the past few months due to the lockdown, Orchestra singers, artistes and technicians wanted the Government to come to their rescue by announcing financial relief exclusively for them.

Alleging that the Government has been ignoring senior artistes by not granting them pension, the protesters urged the Government to immediately announce financial support in the absence of any earnings, so that they can meet their immediate expenses.

Gaanagandharva Kalabalaga Trust's Mysuru District President Sowbhagya Prabhu, office-bearers Pradeep, J. Kumar, S. Saraswathi, Prakash, Abdul Khayyam, M. Raghu, J. Somashekar, S. Manjunath and others were present.

No power tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 28- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

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Front cover of the books to be released by the dignitaries.

Rajnath Singh

Mysuru, Aug. 28- Jagadguru Sri Veerasimhasana Mahasamsthana Mutt's 23rd Peethadhipati Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji's 105th Jayanti Mahotsava will be celebrated in a simple manner on Aug. 29.

Due to COVID-19, a digital event will be held on the occasion and live streamed on YouTube *(https://Youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline)*, Facebook *(https://www.facebook.com/JSSMVP)* and *http://jssonline.org* which will be inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh online from New Delhi at 10.30 am tomorrow.

Announcing this at a press meet at JSS College auditorium on Ooty Road in city on Wednesday, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary S.P. Manjunath said that Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda will preside over the event.

Event details are as follows:

9.30 am: Puja and floral tributes will be offered to Sri Swamiji's bust at Suttur Mutt; **9.15 am:** Devotional songs by JSS Fine-arts Troupe; **10.30 am:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will inaugurate. Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa will release the animation videos. Leader of the Opposition and former CM Siddharamaiah will release books. Dy.CM Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan will release special edition of 'Prasada.' Retd. VC of Karnataka Sanskrit University Dr. Mallepuram G. Venkatesh will offer 'Guru Namana' and speak about the books. MPs, MLAs and other dignitaries will take part; **12.30 pm:** Screening of drama 'Divyachethana' and dance feature 'Kayaka Tapasvi.'

4 pm: Interaction on 'COVID-19: Challenges and confidence building' – Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Dr. Manoj Sinha will inaugurate. Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari Dr. Veerendra Heggade, Medical Education Minister Dr. K Sudhakar, Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murty and actor Darshan Thoogudeepa will take part. JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER) Pro-Chancellor and Pharmacy Council of India President Dr. B. Suresh will be the moderator.

6 pm: Screening of animation movie 'Suttur Srimutt – Guru Parampare' and Quiz; **7 pm:** Screening of animation movie 'The Heritage of Suttur Mutt' and Quiz. Those willing to take part in the quiz may register their names at *www.jssonline.org* or *www.rajendraswamiji.in* or call Mob: 93418-16701. Cash prizes of Rs. 5,000, Rs. 4,000, Rs. 3,000, Rs. 2,000 and Rs. 1,000 will be awarded respectively to first five winners. Both the above said animation movies are directed by Abdul Kareem and troupe, Shunyaka Solutions (OPC) Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru.

Books to be released on the occasion are 'Kayaka Tapasvi Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamigaru,' a Tamil translation by K. Venkateshwara Rao (originally written by Dr. H. Thipperudraswamy), 'Bhakti Bhandari Basaveshwararin Vasanangal,' a reprint of Tamil translation by Dr. M.V. Jambhunathan and 'Neetisamrajyashataka' (originally written by Shivaiah Shastry and edited by Prof. S. Nanjundaiah).

The occasion will also see distribution of 'Pratibha Puraskar' to highest scorers in SSLC and PUC exams, scholarship sponsored by Alumni Association of JSS Prasadanilaya, Mysuru and prizes to best annual school or college magazine of JSS institutions and winner of 'Prasada' quarterly essay contest.

JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Director-College Education Division Prof. Morabada Mallikarjunaswamy, Shunyaka Solutions Managing Director Abdul Kareem and Dr. Prashanth were present during the press meet.

JEE, NEET to take place as scheduled: Centre

New Delhi, Aug. 28 - Even as all non-BJP ruled States and several activist groups have been urging the Union Government to postpone Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) and National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) in view of COVID-19 crisis, the Centre asserted that the exam will take place as scheduled in September.

The JEE (Main) for admission to Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and National Institutes of Technology (NITs) across the country will take place online from Sept. 1 to 6, while NEET for admission to Medical and Dental Undergraduate courses, will be held offline on Sept. 13, with all COVID-19 precautionary measures in place.

Both All-India exams will be conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) coming under the Union Ministry of Education.

The NTA, while clarifying that there will be no postponement of the exams, said that the exam centres for JEE (Main) will be enhanced from 570 to 660 while there will be 546 centres for NEET.

While over 9.5 lakh students across the country have qualified for JEE (Main), nearly 16 lakh students have registered for NEET.

Akshaya Patram: Food distribution on Aug. 29

Mysuru, Aug. 28- Rotary Club of Mysore North, in association with The Volunteers of India and Red FM 93.5, has organised a programme titled 'Akshaya Patram' to provide food for the needy at Rotary West auditorium near Kamakshi Hospital in city tomorrow (Aug.29) at 11 am.

Under this project, food, sanitiser and masks will be distributed to over 3,000 needy people. Food will be served at the following three venues: Kuduremala in Saraswathipuram, Sadhanahalli on K.R. Road and Naidunagar (Kesare).

Officer-bearers of all the above said organisations will take part in the event.

Entries invited for State Award in Child Welfare

Mysuru, Aug. 28- The Women and Child Welfare Department has invited entries from individuals and organisations, who have worked in the field of child welfare for a minimum of five years, for conferment of State Award as part of Children's Day celebration. The applicants must have worked in areas such as Child Health and Nutrition, Child Education, Art, Culture, Special Children, Child Protection and Child Rights for a minimum period of five years.

Each of the individual awards carries a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 and a citation and each of the Institutional/ Organisational awards carries a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh and a citation. The prescribed entry forms can be collected from the Department Office located at Krishnadevaraya Circle (KD Circle), High Tension Line Road, Vijayanagar Second Stage, Mysuru-17 , which must be filled up in Kannada and submitted along with a soft copy of supporting records to the Department office before Sept. 10.

Also, the entries must accompany a Police certification that the applicant individual or the Institution/ Organisation does not have a criminal case registered against them. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2495432.

Swab Collection Testing Booth donated

Lions Club of Mysore (LCM) Nisarga and LCM Mayuri, under the guidance of Region Chairperson Lion S. Murthy, handed over Swab Collection Testing Booth and Masks to Primary Health Centre (PHC) in J.P. Nagar recently. Club Presidents Lion Kushal and Lion Sumitra Murthy and other Club office-bearers were present.

Ph.D Awardees

Mysuru, Aug. 28- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Library and Information Science to **Venkatesha** for his thesis 'Library Automation in University Libraries in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu: A Comparative Study' submitted under the guidance of Dr. P. Sarasvathy.

S. Chaithanya has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by UoM for her thesis 'Synthesis, Characterization and Biological Studies of Novel Bioactive Thizoles, Oxazines and Hydrazinyl Analogues' [Guide: Dr. K.S. Rangappa].

Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi, has awarded Ph.D in Mechanical Engineering Sciences to **M.C. Vijaykanth Urs** for his thesis 'Customer Satisfaction Index of Four Wheeler Dealer in Karnataka Automotive Industries' [Guide: Dr. A.N. Hari Rao].

Clubs can open for sports and food; no liquor

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (RK, PM&BCT)- Following reports in media that pubs and bars are likely to open next month (Sept. 1) in Karnataka, Principal Secretary of Revenue Department (Disaster Management) and Member-Secretary of State Executive Committee, Anjum Parvez has clarified that all social clubs have been restricted from serving liquor. They can only open doors for sports activities and food service.

Reports said that while the State Government was keen on opening pubs and bars, it was waiting for the Ministry of Home Affairs guidelines on Unlock 5.0, which are expected this week.

The Excise Commissioner is likely to present a proposal for reopening of pubs and bars to the Government this week.

Even Excise Minister H. Nagesh said, "We will approach the Government to give us conditional permission to open over 5,000 establishments — bars, pubs and clubs — across the State from Sept. 1.

Following the reports, Anjum Parvez clarified that the social clubs in the State can conduct sports related activities and serve food on the table complying with the regulations and guidelines issued by the Central and State Governments in relation to COVID-19. Over 50 per cent of the total revenue comes from the sale and supply of liquor — Rs. 34 crore per day. The budgetary target for the current fiscal is Rs. 22,700 crore.

Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda, who is also the President of Cosmopolitan Club, confirmed about the recent notification from the authorities.

'Drop online liquor sale'

Meanwhile, the Liquor Merchants Association has urged the State Government to drop the proposal of online liquor sale. The Government is seriously considering a proposal that allows home delivery of liquor and has kicked off extensive consultations with all stakeholders. The Excise Department is planning to allow online sale of liquor in Bengaluru city via mobile apps before extending it to the rest of the State through retail outlets and MSIL shops.

The Excise Department has asked stakeholders to submit their opinion in writing. At least six States, including Kerala and Maharashtra, have already launched the online delivery of liquor in the recent months.

Business hit hard

Owners of bars and restaurants have urged the Government to drop the proposal as it would affect their business further. In a memorandum to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, Bengaluru City and District Liquor Merchants Association has said that the online sale will deal a body blow to the wine merchants who are already reeling under severe losses due to lockdown and sale restrictions.

Licence row

The Association has objected the Government's move to grant CL-6A licence (star hotel licence) and CL-7 (hotel and boarding houses) on the National and State Highways passing through villages that have a population of 5,000 or more. It has urged the Government to refrain from imposing additional excise duty on liquor that has already been hiked twice this year. The Government has also been urged to reduce the excise duty as liquor sales have seen a downward trend due to COVID-19.

Traders rule out hike in onion price

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (PM&SSV)- Traders of Devaraja Market have ruled out the possibility of spike in prices of onion following reports of damage to the crop due to floods.

G. Anand, onion trader at Devaraja Market, told *SOM* that since there is uninterrupted supply from local farmers, the question of increase in prices does not arise. At present, it is sold at Rs. 25 per kg for big size onion, Rs. 12-15 for medium and small size in the markets.

However, the same may be sold at Re.1 or Rs. 2 more by retail traders. The price of onion sold in push carts will be still less because of its quality.

He said large stock of onion from Maharashtra is coming to Mysuru APMC and it is likely to exhaust next month. After that, fresh stock from Hubballi and Chikkamagalur is expected to arrive in the next couple of months.

Fakruddhin Ali, another trader, said that the price of big size onion is Rs. 25 per kg and the sambar onion is sold at Rs. 60 per kg. Hence, there will be no increase in prices.

The price of onion had shot up by Rs. 8 to 10 per kg recently on account of Gowri-Ganesha festival. Another reason for this hike had been occurrence of rains before the festival. Now, large stock of onion was being dispatched to Kerala for Onam festival and naturally, there will be variation of price. However, it will stabilise thereafter, opine traders.

MLC's plea to remove anomalies in promotion of Asst. Teachers

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (SBD& BCT)- A dharna was held at the Commissioner's Office of Department of Public Instruction in Bengaluru on Tuesday demanding promotion to Assistant Teachers of Mysuru region. The protest was held under the leadership of MLC Marithibbegowda.

Apart from the issue of promotion of Assistant Teachers of Mysuru region, the protesters were demanding the Government to address their various pending demands. They alleged that Grade-2 Assistant Teachers have been denied promotion as Head Teachers since the last four years.

For direct recruitment of head teachers, 25 percent posts must be reserved and 75 percent of the posts must be reserved for promoted Assistant Teachers. All the anomalies in the recruitment process must be set right, they demanded. All unaided school managements must be directed to pay honorarium to teachers and non-teaching staff and the Government must identify such staff and pay them their dues, they urged. They also demanded that the Government must pay the dues under Right To Education (RTE) for the academic year 2019-2020 and must stop the practice of unscientifically cutting the aid.

The protesters also demanded that when the schools begin, the managements must be permitted to purchase books and other equipment in phases and according to the number of students admitted.

Commissioner of Public Instruction arrived at the dharna spot and accepted the memorandum submitted by the protesters. They warned that they will be forced to sit on a satyagraha on Sept. 3 in front of Primary and Secondary Education Minister's house if the Government does not consider their demands by Sept. 2. MLCs K.T. Srikantegowda, Bhojegowda, Ramesh Gowda and former MLC Puttanna Chowda Reddy and others were present.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	197
Total positive cases	:	4,731
Total discharges	:	3,248
Total deaths	:	51
Total active cases	:	1,432

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	36
Total positive cases	:	2,179
Total discharges	:	1,666
Total deaths	:	33
Total active cases	:	469

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	25
Total positive cases	:	1,275
Total discharges	:	1,046
Total deaths	:	17
Total active cases	:	212

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	334
Total positive cases	:	6,885
Total discharges	:	4,600
Total deaths	:	167
Total active cases	:	2,118

WORD OF THE DAY

Quiescent

Pronunciation: kwy-ESS-unt.
Meaning: Marked by inactivity or repose : tranquilly at rest; causing no trouble or symptoms.
Origin: Quiescent won't cause you any pain, and neither will its synonyms latent, dormant, and potential—at least not immediately. All four words mean "not now showing signs of activity or existence." Latent usually applies to something that has not yet come forth but may emerge and develop, as in "a latent talent for opera singing." Dormant implies a state of inactivity similar to sleep, as in "their passions lay dormant." Potential applies to what may or may not come to be. "A potential disaster" is a typical example. Quiescent, which traces to Latin quiēscere (meaning "to rest" or "to be quiet"), often suggests a temporary cessation of activity, as in "a quiescent disease" or "a summer resort quiescent in wintertime."
Example:"'Inflation' means a rise in the general level of prices of goods and services, either at the consumer or producer level. It certainly is dormant or quiescent right now." — Edward Lotterman

THE ODD WORD

Qat

Leaves chewed or brewed in tea as a stimulant.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Quality time

Meaning: If someone spends "quality time" with another person, then they are spending precious time with them. The kind of time that can help strengthen the relationship.
Origin: The phrase 'quality time', the earliest one could find it in print is from the mid 20th century. For example, it was written in the Eureka Times Standard, printed in 1973, and there's a part that reads:
"'I've learned the difference between quantity time and quality time with my wife and kids,' he says. 'Merely sitting in the same room watching TV isn't real quality time. At our home, we do things together.' "
Whether a person should spend 'quality' or 'quantity' time with their loved ones looks like it was a somewhat common argument that was brought up in many newspapers during the 1960s. The point that was often made was that it wasn't how much time you spend with others, but how you spend it.

QUOTE BOX

The two most powerful warriors are patience and time. — **Leo Tolstoy**

RIDDLE THIS

Where do fish keep their money?

Answer : Riverbank.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

3	9	4	5	2	8	1	6	7
2	1	7	9	4	6	5	3	8
8	6	5	3	1	7	4	9	2
7	8	1	2	6	3	9	5	4
4	3	2	7	5	9	6	8	1
9	5	6	4	8	1	2	7	3
1	4	9	8	7	5	3	2	6
6	7	3	1	9	2	8	4	5
5	2	8	6	3	4	7	1	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Another word for 'fat'
5 Monetary unit of Cambodia
9 Standard in short?
12 Bollywood's ___ Akbar Anthony
13 Joined the army
15 International Air Transport Assoc.
16 Visionary
17 Windy City of USA
19 Below the ___ : unfairly?
20 Holder of the ashes
21 Veteran convict? (3,3)
23 This consists of the Old and New Testaments
26 Frozen water
27 Estimated Time En route
28 South Africa's Hashim ____
29 Little __ from Uncle Tom's Cabin
30 __ __ date : the date from which interest calculations, etc. are to be done? (2,2)
31 Asian river __ Darya
32 Fifth month
33 Priest's headdress
34 Cowboy's rope; lasso
36 Latin sun
37 Stepped
38 Expressed or spoke
42 Apt or fitting
44 ___ avis : the rare mythical bird?
45 Decoration; ring, bracelet, etc.
46 Fine or satisfactory!
47 Another word for a young sheep
48 Greek letters - "seat" changed?
49 Headland

DOWN
1 Secular; a layman
2 Oriental nanny - "a ham" changed?
3 Bollywood's ___ Agnihotri
4 Bram Stoker creation
5 Kingly rule
6 Our country, as a prefix
7 Estimated life expectancy
8 Legally responsible
9 Showing least movement; most calm
10 Deceased person leaving a will
11 Commonly used pesticide
14 Small platform to drag over snow
18 Have being
21 Wood sorrel
22 Unit of heredity
23 A false biblical god
24 Childish
25 Making indistinct
26 Creeper
29 Consume food
30 Flap on aircraft wing
32 French woman
33 A witty remark; as in, "bon ___ "?
35 The smallest possible amount
36 Proofer's notations
38 Forearm bone
39 Garden tool
40 Noted times
41 24 hour periods
42 Drunkard
43 I ___ : I am sure?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

H	A	W		A	H	A	T		R	A	F	T
U	M	A		P	U	L	I		E	N	Y	A
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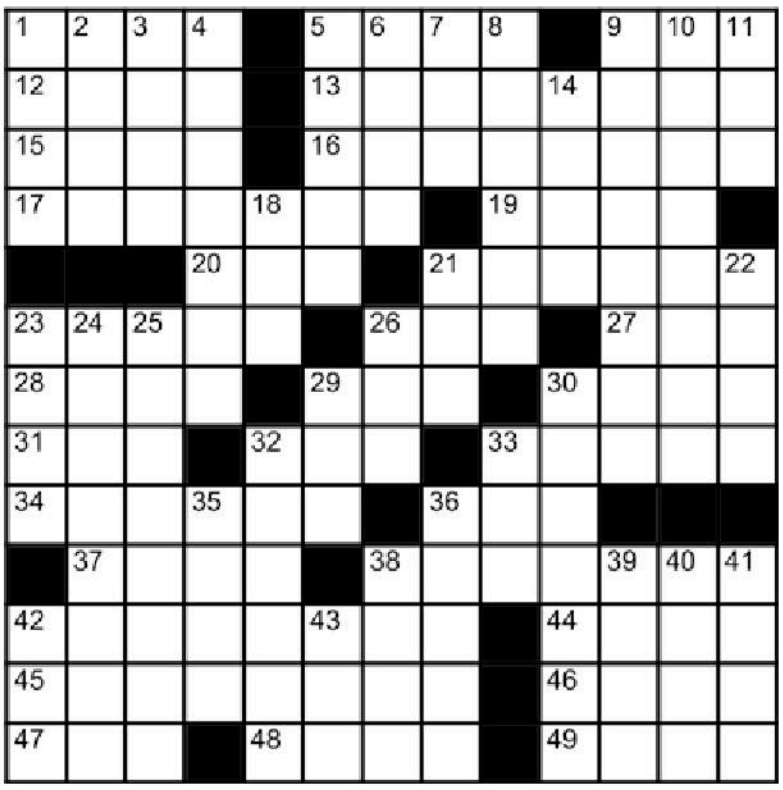

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YNSG RWYE OGPXWOJ SCRP ERI HAG JHCGWQHA ERI VRJJGJJ.

RWYE RWG SGXH NJ VRJJNLYG - WRH HR AXKG CIW XDXE.

TODAY'S CLUE: I EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: There is something that is much more scarce, something rarer than ability. It is the ability to recognize ability.

Work on installing Lifts in Crawford Hall stopped

To adhere to recommendations from District Heritage Committee

The University of Mysore had taken up the project to build two lifts at South and North side of the Crawford Hall.

Mysuru, Aug. 28 (RK,SSV& BCT)- The move of University of Mysore to construct two lifts in the two-floor Crawford Hall, a heritage building, has now been stopped following criticism.

Crawford Hall was built in 1947 and the administrative offices of the University are housed in the imposing structure adjacent to the scenic Kukkarahalli Lake. The Offices of the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar, the Registrar (Evaluation), the Finance Officer and the Public Grievance Cell are located in this building. And the University began constructing the lifts at South and North side of the Crawford Hall.

Following the objection from heritage lovers, the University authorities have clarified that they will wait for a nod from Department of Archaeology and Heritage and District Heritage Committee whether to go ahead or shelve the construction of the lifts. The proposed lifts have a capacity of carrying 10 persons each at a time.

Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of the University told *Star of Mysore* that member of District Heritage Committee Prof. N.S. Rangaraju — who is also a retired Professor of the University — had visited the construction site on Wednesday and sought details of the project.

Prof. Rangaraju, who had visited the Crawford Hall in his personal capacity, told the University authorities that since the Crawford Hall building was a heritage structure, the authorities should have taken permission from the Heritage Committee before beginning the works.

Prof. Rangaraju told Registrar Prof. Shivappa that even if a minor change is made to any heritage building, permission from the Committee was mandatory. If the University requires a lift, it must seek guidance from the Committee on the ways and means of construction without spoiling the heritage aesthetics.

"We wanted to build lifts at two places in the Crawford Hall following a suggestion from Disabled Welfare Department recently to help those with physical disability to reach the second-floor of the administrative building. Since the District Heritage Committee has its reservation over the lift in the heritage structure, we will wait for the green signal from the authorities concerned on the fate of the two lifts. We will go ahead if approved or shelve, if not. We are ready to modify the plan as per the expert suggestion," Prof. Hemantha Kumar explained.

According to heritage lovers who took umbrage over the lift construction, the modern lifts would spoil the heritage nature of the Crawford Hall. The University authorities have, however, clarified that they will not meddle with the heritage character of the building and follow the guidelines issued by the Heritage Committee.

Mysore Medical College Lift project given up

This is not the first time that a lift is being constructed at a heritage structure. Nine months ago, the Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) had initiated a project to construct a lift near the main entrance of the College.

The PWD had taken up the work of installing the lift at an estimated to cost Rs.11 lakh and the cost of lift and electrical works was estimated at Rs.36 lakh. However, following objections from the Heritage Committee, the lift construction work was abandoned. Even now the bricks and construction materials have not been cleared from the site. The MMC&RI building houses the Dean and Director's office, Chief Administrator's Office, Administration Office, laboratories, classrooms and auditorium. Hence, to facilitate the Professors, staff and students to reach the first floor easily, the lift project was initiated.

THEN AND NOW: Lift construction project at Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) that was shelved last year following objections from the Heritage Committee. Picture right shows the state of the abandoned lift as of today.

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